


Laughton All Saints' CE Primary Knowledge Organiser


YEAR 1/2


THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON

HISTORY


KEY VOCABULARY

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gunpowder **Gunpowder:** explosive powder used to blow up buildings.
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
thatched roof **Thatched roof:** dried straw tied tightly together and laid on the roof of a building.
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wattle and daub **Wattle and daub:** animal waste, straw and mud used to make walls of buildings.
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extinguished **Extinguished:** put out or cause a fire or light to stop burning or shining.
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embers **Embers:** burning remains of a fire.
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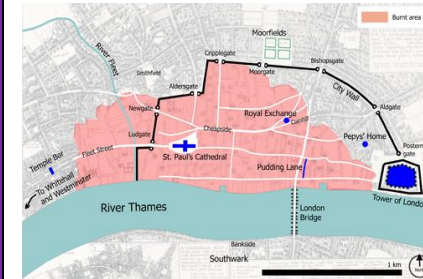
cathedral **Cathedral:** the main church of a diocese that has a bishop.
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government **Government:** group of people who rule a country.
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source **Source:** shows information about the past.



FACTS



This map shows the area that was burnt by the fire.

The fire happened in London.

London is the capital city of England.

STICKY KNOWLEDGE

1. The fire started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding lane in London.
2. It started because the fires in the ovens in the bakery were not put out properly.
3. The fire spread quickly because in 1666 houses were made of wood and straw and were built close together.
4. People used leather buckets and water squirts to help put the fire out but these did not work.
5. King Charles II ordered buildings to be pulled down to stop the fire from spreading.
6. The fire was out by 6th September 1666.

IMPORTANT PEOPLE

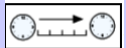


King Charles II was the King of England at the time of the fire. People didn't think he was a good king before the fire. However, he helped to stop the fire and so people liked him more after the fire.

Samuel Pepys is famous for writing a diary at the time of the fire. He was in the city when the fire happened.



Thomas Farriner was the owner of the bakery where the fire started in Pudding Lane. He and his family escaped the fire, but his maid died in the flames.



Time Line: A timeline shows when things happened over a period of time.

Sunday 2nd Sept 1666 -

- 1am—The fire starts in the Thomas Farriner's bakery in Pudding Lane.
- 3am— The Lord Mayor goes to look at the fire and decides it is not too bad and goes back to bed.
- 7am—The fire has spread—300 homes already destroyed.
- 11am— The Mayor is instructed by King Charles II to order the pulling down of houses.

Monday 3rd Sept 1666 -

- The government ordered fire posts to be set up. A group of school boys successfully held back the fires.
- 12 midday—The fire can be seen 60 miles away in Oxford.

Tuesday 4th Sept 1666 -

- The fire was at its peak It spread from the Temple in the west to the Tower of London in the east.
- (Gun powder was used here to blow up houses in order to stop the fire reaching the Tower.)

St Pauls Cathedral was destroyed by the fire.



5th Sept 1666 - 6th Sept 1666 -

- The wind changes direction, blowing the fire towards the River Thames. Most of the fires were put out.
- 8am—The fire is completely out.

25th Sept 1666 -

A group is set up to look into what caused the fire.



27th Oct 1666 -

Robert Hubert was hanged for starting the fire, but he was later found to be innocent.

22nd Jan 1667 -

The group found out that the fire was an accident.

1677

A monument to the Great Fire is finished near to where the fire started in Pudding Lane.

